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DECISION

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Decided: January 27, 1998

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Petitioner states that it requires an extension because outstanding discovery issues have yet to be resolved, because petitioner's rate experts need additional time to complete their analysis, and because, due to schedule conflicts, petitioner's lead counsel need additional time to prepare their submission. The request is reasonable and will be granted.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. TJX's extension request is granted.
2. Petitioner's opening statement is due March 9, 1998.
3. Respondent's reply statement is due April 8, 1998.
4. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due April 28, 1998.

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By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

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